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NO. 4.

Y.M.C.A. WILL SOON BE FORMED HERE

SUB-COMMITTEE OF BROTHERHOODS TO SO REPORT.

FOR NON-EQUIPMENT PLAN

Schools May Join With Association in Employing Physical Director.

The sub-committee of the various church brotherhood clubs of Grants Pass will, at a meeting of the main organization next Tuesday night, recommend the formation here of a branch of the national Y. M. C. A. The sub-committee will recommend the formation of a Y. M. C. A. on what is known as the non-equipment plan, that is minus a permanent building or permanent quarters, and without paraphernalia for gymnasium and other like features.

It is expected that the report of the sub-committee will be adopted unanimously, and immediate steps taken to make the organization a fact.

There is a chance, however, that something even better than this will result, that is that a physical director be employed. This depends on the Grants Pass school board, which listened to a proposition last night to jointly bear the expense of a physical director, who will divide his time between the students of the public schools and the Y. M. C. A.

The sub-committee of the brotherhoods is composed of Judge H. H. Basler, Dr. E. C. Macy, Burns Gillette, R. K. Hackett, Arthur Conklin and C. H. Woodward, chairman. This committee met with the school board last night and made the proposition regarding a physical director. The board took the matter under advisement.

Judge Basler speaking of the matter, said: "We are hoping that the school board will adopt our proposal that a physical director be employed jointly by our association and the schools. However, we shall recommend to the organization of brotherhood clubs next Tuesday night that a Y. M. C. A. on the non-equipment plan be formed here. And we believe that a Y. M. C. A. for Grants Pass will soon be established."

"The non-equipment plan is the method usually adopted for towns of this size," continued Judge Basler, "and will no doubt be a success here, as there is a strong sentiment in favor of a Y. M. C. A. By this plan a permanent building is not needed, but the work can be cared for well without it. We will depend on popular subscriptions for finances, and there is no danger of 'falling down' on this score, as the association is really a demand by the young and many of the older folk of the city."

"A secretary will be employed, and around him all will center. We expect gratifying success."

The brotherhood clubs will be guests next Tuesday night of the Newman M. E. Men's club, where the non-equipment plan will be presented to the full body."

PITCHER OSBORNE STRIKES OUT 15 AT PENDLETON.

A special from Pendleton to a Portland paper tells it this way:

"The North Yakima Cubs were shut out this afternoon on Round-up diamond by Jesse Garrett's Pendleton backaroos, the score being 7 to 0."

"The visitors secured but one hit while the home boys made 11 off Marks and Cranks. Osborne, former Portlander, occupied the slab for Pendleton and had the Cubs at his mercy, striking out 15."

"Another feature of the game was the heavy hitting of Wilson, formerly one of Nick Williams' catchers. Out of four times up, he got a three bagger, two doubles and a single."

TO GROW 18 ACRES OF MELONS ON TWO FARMS

There may be more, but two farms near Grants Pass will grow melons extensively this season. The Sunset Country Club Orchard company, the syndicate of Kansas City men who recently purchased 431 acres of the Rogue River Orchard company's tract, will plant eight acres of canteloupes, and Clark Morey will grow 10 acres, about equally divided between watermelons and canteloupes.

The Sunset company's tract is being managed by C. H. Washburn of Kansas City, who is a member of the syndicate. Mr. Washburn states that the most modern methods will be adopted in growing the melons on his company's land, and plans call for scientific work. He will ship to the northern markets, including Seattle.

Clark Morey will grow his 10 acres of melons on a tract of river bottom land three miles below the city, and he has adopted a method which will give him melons for an early market. Mr. Morey grew his vines in his hot-house, and will transplant them next week. They will be irrigated. He will use a number of men in the work of transplanting and will take up each plant with much of its native dirt set around it. He does this by using a trowel, lifting the plant out, and putting it into a new hole without disturbing the roots.

In other days many acres of melons were grown in this region, and the shipments were heavy. Careless methods, it is said, caused a decay of the industry in that the vines became infected with disease. No such trouble is anticipated now, as modern knowledge and skill can defeat the fungi.

Manager Washburn of the Sunset company, states that he would like to see many other acres grown, and co-operation among the growers so that full carloads could be sent out, with a resultant full carload rate instead of small shipments and a high rate.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION DISCUSSES WORK

Fifty men and women interested in Sunday school work banqueted at the Baptist church Wednesday night and after sumptuous fare supplied by ladies of the church, Chairman Sam Baker, president of the Josephine County Sunday School association called on Mrs. M. C. Findley.

Mrs. Findley was the only Josephine county delegate present at the state association at McMinnville and she gave an interesting report. Mrs. M. C. Batman and R. K. Ross gave interesting talks on the organized Bible class work.

General discussion and talks on important phases of the work were indulged in before the banqueters left the tables.

BREAK INTO POWDER HOUSE.

Some time Friday night the powder house of the Jewell Hardware company, across the river, was broken into and a small quantity of dynamite taken. The drayman who went to the powder house for a load of powder found that the padlock had been broken and reported the matter. A number of the firm checked out the boxes of powder and as there was the correct number of boxes in the house no notice was taken of the lock breaking. But yesterday it was discovered that one box was short a few pounds of powder. The thief evidently had use for only a small amount for a particular purpose.

About 15 years ago the same house was broken into and a small amount of powder taken, and a few nights after a train on the Southern Pacific was dynamited.

Mrs. W. A. Webber arrived Wednesday night to spend a week or more with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nipper. Mr. and Mrs. Webber are removing from Klamath Falls to Coos Bay. Mr. Webber accompanied his bride as far as Grants Pass, but continued the journey to the bay, where he will be joined by Mrs. Webber later.

MILLIONAIRE SCOT ON APPELLEGATE

PURCHASES FROM P. B. HERMAN AND OTHERS 280 ACRES.

PRICE PAID IS \$42,000

Will Build Handsome Bungalow Home and Established Highly Improved Estate.

As an ideal place of residence Josephine county has been chosen by a wealthy young Scot, a member of the largest thread corporation on two continents.

K. M. C. Neil, aged 23 years, whose home is now on an estate near Glasgow, Scotland, has purchased from P. B. Herman, of Grants Pass; D. H. Feyn, of St. Paul, Minn., and J. A. Pearson, of Westbrook, Minn., joint owners, 280 acres of land out of what was known as the A. M. Jess ranch on the Applegate river near the bridge on the Kerby road. The purchase price was \$42,000, of which \$25,000 was paid in cash, the remainder to be paid at an early date, as a native Scot, when he has the wealth, does not relish the idea of deferred payments. Mr. Neil will make his home, for the large part of each year, on the property, and will improve it to the extent of considerable money.

Local interest attaches to the personality of the new resident, as he is a brother-in-law of the Mettsch brothers of the Hotel Josephine, and it was due to the solicitation of the Mettsch brothers that Mr. Neil came to look this region over. He wanted a home on this side of the Atlantic, so he traveled over Canada, then over western America, giving California a thorough inspection. Finally he came here, and the result is he has purchased a tract of land which he will improve to the prominence of a rich estate.

The deal was made by the Riggs-Lucas Land company, and Mr. Riggs stated Saturday that Mr. Neil intended to construct a modern bungalow on the property, facing the county road, which would be built on a plan to cost several thousand dollars. In other ways the place will be adorned until it has reached a point of comfort and beauty satisfactory to the new owner.

Mr. Neil married Miss Pansy Sweetser, a half sister of the Mettsch brothers. The two met in Scotland while Miss Sweetser was on a tour of Europe. The young man is intensely practical. While possessed of large wealth, he drawing a royalty on every spool of "O. N. T." thread sold in the world, yet he has prepared himself for a "lord of the soil," being a graduate of an agricultural college in Scotland. Before closing the deal for the land on the Applegate, he took samples of the soil to one of the leading soil experts of the country and had it analyzed, and then knew to the last technical point what he was buying.

The ranch is irrigated by water from the Applegate river, and is sown principally to alfalfa. It is the intention of the purchaser to grow alfalfa and breed fancy swine, he realizing that a strong demand will soon set in over the northwest for a blooded product suitable to be used in founding breeding farms.

Mr. Neil will go to Scotland, stated Dr. Mettschman today, for three months, when he will return and with Mrs. Neil take up life on the silvery Applegate.

P. B. Herman, speaking Saturday of the entry here of the young Scotchman, said he was much pleased to welcome men of such financial standing as a number of men of this kind are needed in this region, and with the coming of one such, it grants the attraction of others.

"The general scenic beauty of Josephine county and its fertile soils will appeal to any man of wealth who will come here and investigate," stated Mr. Herman.

TO ERECT STEEL BRIDGE OVER RIVER AT MURPHY

Josephine county court Saturday closed a deal for a steel bridge to go over the Applegate river at Murphy. The Courier of Thursday forecasted this action on the part of the court, but it was not expected at that time that the matter would so quickly come to be a fact.

The court has not let a contract to a bridge building company to erect the structure, but has purchased the material and will have the bridge erected under supervision of R. S. Dahlberg of Murphy. The material and the expense of construction will total \$6,800. The material will cost a little more than half of this sum, the construction cost to take up the remainder.

The material was purchased from the Portland agency of the Coast Bridge company, and the deal calls for the material laid down in Grants Pass, freight paid.

The new bridge will occupy the piers which now support the old wooden structure. The present bridge has stood 21 years, and has served its usefulness, as traffic over that route is heavy and a new bridge is cheaper than to continue repairs on the antiquated structure, so believes the court.

Work will begin immediately the material arrives, which is promised at an early day.

GALICE MEN FIND RICH FREE GOLD LEDGE

Failing to get jobs, three miners at Galice, John Carlson, George Colvin and Oscar Shattuck, went to digging on their own account and uncovered a lead of free gold quartz which has netted them about \$300 in 5 days. They sent the bullion in to Grants Pass today by County Commissioner C. L. Barlow, and the metal is at the First National bank. The lucky trio are still taking out the rich quartz, and say they believe they are at least good for \$10,000.

The find was made on the surface of the old Victor mine about 300 feet from the cabin on the property, and has been walked over by hundreds of men during the years that mining has been underway in that region. The property is owned by John and Edward Norberg of Galice.

The discoverers have uncovered a seam of heavily oxidized quartz, and gold shows profusely in the dark oxides. The seam is about 4 inches wide, between what seems to be defined walls; yet that there may be considerable mill rock in the ledge is the belief of some who have seen the work. This feature has not been examined into so far, as the three lucky prospectors are bending all energy in taking out the picture rock, mortaring, amalgamating, and reducing it into crude bullion. A Mason fruit jar of the stuff was brought in today by Mr. Barlow, who states that the find has stimulated the camp, and many other men are getting active.

The Victor mine produced considerable gold while working, the amount taken out being estimated by men familiar with the various properties at Galice, at \$25,000. Sanders brothers were former owners.

TWO 20-ACRE TRACTS SOLD THE PAST WEEK.

J. F. Kirker has completed a deal whereby he purchases a 20-acre tract from E. L. Churchill adjoining the Paul Kirker tract on Jones creek, near the city. Mr. Kirker has erected a big poultry house on the Cornish system and will go into the poultry business on an extensive scale. He already has 500 chicks and this week will receive another shipment of 500 from Petaluma, and he will further increase his flock. The greater part of the place is in 3-year-old apple and pear trees.

George Selbeck of Bowden, N. D., is a recent purchaser of a 20-acre tract of land from the A. G. Hood tract, several miles down the river road. Two acres are set to young pear and apple trees. The North Dakota man will make his home on his purchase.

PLAN GALA WEEK FOR HIGH SCHOOL

MANY LIVELY EVENTS FROM MAY 10 TO 17.

COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 17

Class Play, "The College Widow," at Opera House This Evening.

All is aflutter in high school circles of the city, as from May 10 to and including May 17, the hours of the class of 1912 and other pupils and instructors will be busy ones. Handsome printed programs, tasseled with the class colors, red and black, are being mailed, inviting the receiver to the commencement exercises and other interesting events.

The events are as follows:

Friday, May 10—Class play, "The College Widow," Grants Pass opera house, 8:15 p. m.

Sunday, May 12—Commencement sermon by Rev. Robert McLean; union service at Bethany Presbyterian church at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, May 14—Class day exercises High School campus and auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

Friday, May 17—Commencement exercises; address by Hon. B. F. Mulkey, at opera house 8:15 p. m.

Class Play.

The class play, "The College Widow," will be at opera house, Friday May 10, at 8:15 p. m.

The cast is as follows:

Billy Bolton, a half-back.....

..... Glenn Pattillo

Peter Witherspoon, A. M., P. H.

D., Pres. of Atwater College.....

..... Arthur Newell

Hiram Bolton, Pres. K. & H. railroad.....

Ransom Orme '14

Matty McGowan, Trainer, Erie Best

Hon. Elam Hicks, Squantumville

Robert Harris '13

"Bub" Hicks, a Freshman, Rex Tufts

Jack Larabee, a Football Coach.....

Niel Allen

Copernicus Talbot, a Post Graduate

Tutor.....Matthew Riddle '13

Silent Murphy, Center Rush.....

..... Sloane Thomas

Stub Talmage, a Busy Undergraduate.....

Fay Kiser

Tom Pearson, Right Tackle.....

Theodore Cramer

Daniel Tibbels, Town Marshal.....

Clarence Pummill

Ollie Mitchell, Student.....

Edward Thomas '13

Dick McAllister, Student.....

Jack Harvey '14

Jimsey Hooper, Student.....

Dana Ament '14

Jane Witherspoon, The College

Widow.....Anna Sweeney

Bessie Tanner, an Athletic Girl.....

Annis Love

Flora Wiggins, a Prominent Waitress.....

Beatrice Webb

Mrs. Primsey Dalzell, a Professional

Chaperone.....Ruth Smith

Grace Ansley.....Fleda Smith

Bertha Tyson.....Evelyn Conklin

Luella Chubb.....Ethel Woodcock

Josephine Barclay.....Marie Fallin

Cora Jenks.....Louise Harvey

Ruth Alken.....Geraldine Lewis Hill

Members of the Foot Ball Team.

Tyrrell Carner '15, Sam Stinebaugh

'15, Verne Demaree '15, Wesley

Harryman '15, John Bixby '14, Victor

Newell '13, Robert Harryman '14,

Earl Smith '15, Wesley Woodcock

'14, Guysbert Harvey '15, Ardell

Bailey '15.

Synopsis.

The scene of the play is laid at Atwater College, an inland institution of learning, lying east of Minnesota, and somewhere west of New York.

Musical by Grants Pass Commercial Club orchestra, E. H. Applehoff, director.

Class Day.

Class Day exercises, High School campus and auditorium, Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 p. m. The program follows:

Planting Ivy.....Class of 1912

FRUITDALE TO GET RURAL FREE DELIVERY

A telegram from Washington to E. E. Blanchard at Fruitdale announces that the long-sought rural mail route from Grants Pass through that district has been approved by the post-office department, and that the route will be established at an early day. Mr. Blanchard has been a tireless worker in efforts to secure the route, and today feels much elated at the success of the measure.

Postmaster G. W. Donnell also has been zealous in the cause, and much credit is also due him. Mr. Donnell states that the route will be as follows:

Leaves Grants Pass at 8 a. m. daily except Sunday; arrives in Grants Pass 3 p. m. The route is out south Sixth street, across the county steel bridge, turns south at the Hamilton place, through Fruitdale district to Murphy; from Murphy goes northwest along the Applegate river to New Hope district and Jerome Prairie; on near the mouth of Applegate river and the Leonard orchards; thence along the Rogue river road to the main Crescent City road and into Grants Pass.

This will be known as route No. 4. The other routes are No. 1 into the Jump Off Joe country, number two, down the north side of Rogue river, back on the south side; number three goes up the north side of Rogue river to the town of Rogue River, crosses the stream and back to Grants Pass.

Boys Must Keep Off—Trainmen have been somewhat annoyed in time past by boys catching onto passenger trains at the depot and riding to the water tank. Policeman Capp is on hand at the station to prevent the "kids" from riding.

BARKENTINE ADRIPT.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 9.—The American barkentine Everett Britt from Puget Sound ports to Australia with lumber cargo, was found drifting off the Australian coast dismantled and almost a wreck.

Ivy ode.....Anna Sweeney

Muscle, selection.....

.....High School Orchestra

Class history.....Annis Love

Song, "Voices of the Woods".....

Octet

Class poem.....Ethel LaBrie '13

Piano solo, Hungarian rhapsody

No. 2, List.....Bernice Quinlan

Class will.....Ruth Smith

Muscle, selection.....

.....High School Orchestra

Valedictory.....Marie Fallin

Prophecy.....Beatrice Webb

Class Song.

Commencement.

Opera house, Friday, May 17, at

8:15 p. m.

Sextet.....Selected

F. H. Applehoff, W. H. Newell,

Joseph Wharton, Glenn Pattillo,

E. R. Hulbert, S. F. Cheshire.

Address.....Hon. B. F. Mulkey

Vocal Solo—"The Ratt".....Pinsuti

J. S. MacMurray.

Miss Winnifred Flanagan at piano

Presentation of diplomas: H. L.

Gilkey, Chairman Board Education

Class Song.

Class Roll.

The class roll is as follows:

Niel R. Allen, Audrey Evelyn

Best, Eric Clifton Best, Maud

Blanche Bradford, Ruth Mae Chee-

tham, Evelyn Conklin, Theodore H.

Putnam Cramer, Marie Fallin, Cora

Theresa Fetzner, Bessie Marie Han-

selth, Louise Harvey, Geraldine Lewis

Hill, Fay Wallace Kiser, Ethel May

Letcher, Annis Belle Love, Wilma

Jane McFarland, Vere Morilla Mur-

ray, Arthur E. Newell, Louis Glenn

Pattillo, Clarence Cecil Pummill,

Mary Bernice Quinlan, Flora Marie

Schmidt, Ruth Vivian Smith, Mar-

garet Alfreda Smith, Anna Grace

Sweeney, Renwick Sloane Thomas,

Rex Linden Tufts, Beatrice Alberta

Webb, Ethel Jane Woodcock.

President—Arthur Newell.

Vice President—Annis Love.

Secretary and Treasurer—Vere

Murray.

Colors—Crimson and Black.

Flower—Red Rose.

Motto—"Immier Voran."